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Application No.: 10/712361

Case No.: 59387US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 1-17 and 20-38 have been canceled. Claim 18 is amended.

§ 102/103 Rejections

Claims 1-17 and 20-38 stand rejected under one or both of 35 USC § 102(b) and 35 USC § 103(a). Claims 1-17 and 20-38 are canceled herein without prejudice to their prosecution in an application claiming priority hereto.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18 and 19 are acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 18 is amended herein so as to be in independent form and so as to contain the limitation of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Claim 19 depends from claim 18.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 18 and 19, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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